GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION TO PHYSICALLY AND VISUALLY DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the University Grants Commission to provide 3% reservation in teaching posts to physically and visually disabled persons;

(b) if so, whether the Supreme Court has also directed that relaxation of 5% in marks at the Master's Degree level be given to the disabled persons;

(c) if so, the other details in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which these orders of the Supreme Court have been implemented by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): The apex court was satisfied with the stand of the UGC on the provisions of reservation available in teaching posts for physically and visually disabled persons; therefore, no direction was issued. However, the Hon'ble Court observed that the benefit of 5% relaxation in marks obtained at the Master's level for appearing in the NET examination conducted by the UGC should be made available to all disabled persons as done in the case of SC/ST candidates.

(c) & (d): Follow-up action is being taken on the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.